Redistricting Rules: Alabama Timeline

- **Apportm’t data 4.30.21**
- **Redistrict’g data 9.30.21**
- **Candidate Filing 01.28.22**
- **Ballot Finalized 3.9.22**
- **Primary Election 5.24.22**

**At least 5 months:**
Public hearings to take communities of interest testimony

3 months
Oct 1– Dec 31, 2021:
Process data, hold hearings, complete maps

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Who draws the lines?

- By statute, the legislature draws congressional and state legislative lines, which are subject to gubernatorial veto
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What are the mapping rules?

- Federal **equal population** requirements and adherence to the **Voting Rights Act** and constitutional rules on race
- State Senate districts must be “as nearly equal to each other in the number of inhabitants as may be” (Ala. Const. art. IX, § 200)
- State legislative districts must be contiguous and follow county lines, except where they would not comply with other legal requirements (Ala. Const. art. IX, § 200)
- In 2011, the legislature adopted additional guidelines for redistricting, but it is unclear if they will adopt them again.